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PRIMITIV STAMP KOLEKTI.N.

It iz nou óvur áurti yírz síns Sur Rouland Hil introdúst æ peni póst sistem intú Ingland, and æ invençun ov prípéiñ leturz wiá stamps. Furst kém æ printed envelups wiá Briṭania skaturíñ leturz óvur æ wúrlð, and in 1840 æ ordineri wun peni stamp ov Grét Britun printed in blak, hwic egzaml woz sun folóð bai ðl sivilaizd néçunz.

For meni yírz áfz representativz ov valyu past bai olmóst unnótist, a fû pursunz ðnli séviñ æ envelups, or pést-iñ a fû samplz intú ðld skrap buks. About twelv yírz agó komenst æ mé-nia for stamp kolektiñ, hwic interestiñ pursút spred amuñ ðl klasez ov pípl wiá astoníçíñ rapiditi, ðld failz ov leturz wur egzaminð, and ðl pursunz haviñ korespondens in foren landz wur bisíjð wiá aplikéçunz for hwot had hiáurtá bin konsidurð wurales.

For nírli a yír nó standard ov valyuéçun woz plést on æm, kolekturnz ekseñjð dâplikets wiá íc uáur, for raritiz giviñ severul, áóz hû had æ lárjest kolekçunz (and in áóz déz tú hundred woz konsidurð a grét number,) jenerali got æ best ov a bárgen. æ póst ofis in æis siti, æ Búlevards ov Paris, and publik plésez ov rizort in uáur sitiz ov Yúrup wur krouded wiá eksaited kolekturnz, íc wiá a skrap buk and a stór ov dâplikets. Evuri fréç stamp íçyud, or náli diskuvurð varaiiti méð æ pozetur æ híró ov æ dé. Sun áoz hu had les fasilítiz for obténiñ stamps ofurð muni for hwot æ won-ted and æ íra ov spekyuléçun bigan, æus ópniñ a wé for stamp dífurz. Áóz hu had konfidens in æ biznez rapidli akâmúléted foreúnz; amuñ æ furst Yúropíanz ov nó wú Yúñ & Stokòl ov Livurpál; Staford Smia & Smia ov Baú; J. B. Móenz ov Bruselz; Píer

Máhi, A. Mòri and Madam Nikolé ov Paris; in æis kuntri Jon Béli ov æis siti, and J. A. Nutur ov Montríðl.

In æis siti about elevn yírz agó æ stail woz tu hav æ stamps takt on a bórd, hwic wud hardli sût æ mór fastidius kolekturnz ov æ present æé. Dér woz æen but litl regyulariti ov prais, hardli eni stamp brót óvur 25 sents. Amuñ æ raritiz wur konsidurð æ 90 sent stamp ov 1851; æ 20 sent. Frenc Rípublik; æ 17 Kanada and æ 2 1-2 Nú Granada. Our ón tréd komenst about ten yírz agó bai seliñ stamps from a buk in æ P. O. bildiñ; wí rekolekt purçasiñ wun ov æ latur for our ón kolekçun for .25 and rifúsiñ a kupl mór at æ sém prais. Sendiñ tu foren kuntriz for stamps or ekseñj-iñ wiá Yúropían dífurz had not bin áòt ov, æ suplai dipendiñ entairli upon klurks in foren impórtiñ houzez.

About 9 yírz agó aróz a grát dimand for our lokal stamps tu send tu Yúrup, sum ov æm seliñ for tú or æri dol-arz, az muc az for eni foren stamp, and æ kounterfitiñ biznez komenst. In æis kuntri it woz konfainð tu áfz, but in Yúrup ðl kainds wur ríprodúst; wí bí-kém só suspíçus áftur æ furst impor-téçun ov Swis forjuriz az tu rifúz a komplít set ov Spén from 1850 tu 1862 ðl unyúzd, inklúdiñ Lázon and Kûba for twenti dolarz.

For several yírz æ biznez woz Kon-sidurð a prikérius wun, at wun taim nírli ðl kolekçunz wur sóld and dífurz jeneruli turnd æér atençun tu uáur klasez ov tréd, hwail nou wí nó ov nó sefor investment. Áftur Mr. Béli and ourselvz apírd æ némz ov Mesrz. Brenun, Bòur, Skot and Sampsun ov æis siti, Klain, Mésun & Durbin ov Filadelfia, Télur & Trifet ov Bostun, and Krég of San Fransiskó.

NOTICE OF AUCTION SALES.

The collection of coins sold by Bangs Apr. 3d. 4th. and 5th. 1870, realized about \$2577. The most noticeable lots were. Coin of Panormus electrum \$6 75; Silver Greek coins: Metapontum incused \$4 50. Alexander \$5; Antiochus I. \$5 50; Macedon \$5 50. Tarentum \$5; Jewish coins: Agrippa \$2 50; Judea \$2 75; do. \$2 50; Herod \$3; Roman gold coins about \$7 50 each. Roman silver averaged 25c., one of Nero and Agrippina \$7; Otho \$2 75, Tiberius \$4; Julius Caesar \$3 75, Marc Antony and Octavius \$3; Roman copper coins: Balbinus \$2; Drusus sr. \$3 50; Pertinax \$4; Pupienus \$2 12; Plotina \$3; Poppaea Sabina \$2 12; Tiberius \$2 75; Roman as, large \$2, Augusta and Agrippina \$3 25; Pompey magnus \$3. English silver medals: London Art Union \$4 50; Charles I. \$3 50; Cromwell 7 25; do. \$5; Peninsula \$8; James III. \$4 50.

The early British coins sold quite low, Gold: Henry VI. angel \$5; Edward IV. do. \$9; Henry VIII. £½ \$9; Angel \$8; Elizabeth £½ \$10 50; Chas. I. £1 \$7; Tower do. \$11 50; Briats ½ do. \$8; William III. £5 \$30 50; Anne £2 \$21; George II. £5 \$27; do. £2 \$11 25; Geo. III. guinea \$6 25; do. ten thalers \$9; do. £5 \$30; do. £2 \$11 50; Scotch gold: Robert III. St. Andrew \$6 50; James I. lion \$4 25; James III. ½ unicorn \$3 50; Mary ryal \$17; ½ do. \$12; lion \$9 50; ½ do. \$8 13; James VI. noble \$13; do. rider \$10; do. \$5; Half sword and scepter piece \$3 25; William III. Darien pistol \$11; James VIII. pattern guinea \$10 50; English silver: Scattat \$3 50. 2 specimens of ring money each \$2, pennies of Edward I. Ethelred, Canute, Edward the Confessor, Harold II. William the Conqueror and Stephen averaged \$2; Edward VI. crown \$3 50; ½ do. \$5; Mary great \$3 28; Newark siege pieces \$2 25 ea; Ormond crown \$3 50; Cromwell do. \$12; ½ do. \$8; James II. crown \$3 50; William IV. crown \$33; Scotch silver: William the lion penny \$3 63; Alex. III. do. \$2 25; Robert Bruce ½ do. \$2 25; Mary penny \$6; testoon 1558 \$4; do. 1562 \$12 50; Francis and Mary testoon \$5 50; Mary and Henry Darnley do. \$7; James VIII. pattern crown \$13.

Miscellaneous coins, Gold: Persian mohur \$8; ½ do. \$4 50; Chinese with square hole \$7 13; Augsburg confession Jubilee medal 1630 \$24; U. S. eagle 1797 very fine \$17; silver: 2 scarce rupees each \$3; Burmese coin \$3; India dollar rude \$3; Mexican dollar 1824 \$5 50.

Canadian coins, Silver: Beaver club medal, 1785 \$33; Bronze: Shakspeare Mc Gill medal 1864 \$9; Victoria bridge do. \$3 50; Copper tokens: Leslie and sons two pence \$5 50; Side view of Bank of Montreal penny \$25; do. ½ do. \$8; Bank token "½ penny" of the "Un sou" series \$11; "Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, Success," with ship \$6.

The Collection of Emil Cauffman Esq. of Philada. will be sold by Bangs Merwin & Co. May 3d. and 4th. and contains a very good collection of American pieces.

The curiosities, continental money and coins sold by Bangs, Apr. 8th. brought about \$185.



LIST OF NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

DECCAN. "Post stamp" in curve at top, Persian characters in centre, value below; ½ anna brown on thin toned paper.

FINLAND. Helsingfors local, upper half red, lower half green, 10 penni.

FRANCE. "Carte de Correspondance" at top, 2 varieties, also a military stamp for Switzerland. Rectangular adhesive "Cie Generale des commissionnaires Facteurs Parisiens, 'Timbre' above, 'Pacquet' below, value in centre, 50c. yellow on white, 1 franc carmine on white.

FIJI ISLANDS. The English magazines give a description of the following. Oblong rect. "Fiji Times Express 1 penny". Black on thin rose tinted paper, rouletted.

GREAT BRITAIN. The ½d. wrapper is of 3 sizes, with flowers in place of date.

GUATEMALA. "Correos de Guatemala" at top, arms on shield with sun and rays below, 1 centavo lemon, 5 brown, 10 blue, 20 rose.

PORTUGAL. New issue, 5) reis green.

ROUMANIA. Similar to engraving in last No. 5 bani vermillion, 10 yellow, 25 brown. "Diare Periodice" 1½ bani blue on yellow.

RUSSIA. Local for Longa. Oval embossed shield, inscription in white on blue ground 5 kopecs.

SARAWAK. The Philatelist notes a new stamp color and paper same as before but with the head of the present rajah to the left.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. 4d. violet surcharged 3d. in black.

SPAIN. The 25 mills is of a much deeper mauve. No new issue for 1871 has appeared.

SANDWICH Is. Portrait of princess, 1 cent violet; portrait of king 6 green, portrait of Kekuanooa 18 pink.

ST. DOMINGO. ½-UN real, salmon, pelure paper.

TURKEY. A series of stamps of "T. B. Morton & Co." have appeared but of doubtful character.

U. S. Head of Stanton, 7 cents vermillion. Envelopes: small letter size, 1 cent on white and lemon paper; 2 orange on orange; extra large letter size 2 on orange, 3 on lemon & white, note size 3 on white. Official size, 12, 24, 30, on flesh colored paper.

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LIST OF COIN CATALOGUES.

The following order is observed: 1 No. of days sale, 2 day it commenced, 3 owners name, 4 location, 5 auctioneers name or initials, 6 price of clean catalogues, 7 priced.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1862						
2 Feb. 10	Paul E Fleury	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	1½		
2 Mar. 19	A H Satterlee	"	1.	1.		
2 "	25 J K Wiggins	Phila. W C Cook	1.	1½		
"	"	"	large paper	2.		
1 "	26 A S Robinson	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	1.		
2 Apr. 17	Geo. B Davis	"	1.	1½		
2 "	22	"	2.			
1 "	23	addenda	2.			
2 May 8	A H Satterlee	"	1.	1½		
1 "	14 A S Robinson	Boston Leonard	1.			
3 "	26 W A Lilliendahl	N Y. B M & Co.	1.			
1 July 30	Henry Cook	Boston D F Mc G.	1.	1½		
1 Aug. 7	A H Satterlee	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	1.		
1 Sept. 22	"	"	1.	1.		
4 Nov. 11	W E Woodward	"	2.	3.		
"	"	large paper	3.			
"	28 Young	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	1.		
1 Dec. 16	A H Satterlee	"	1.	1.		
1863.						
1 Jan. 18	Washington, Mc Guire					
4 "	19 B Haines	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	2.		
1 "	26 Hill	Washington, Mc Guire				
2 "	29 Bridgens	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	1.		
1 Feb. 4	"	"	1.	1.		
"	addenda	"	1.	1.		
1 Mar. 9	A S Hunter	Wash'n. Wall & Co.	2.			
1 "	9	N Y. B M & Co.				
"	18 Cincinnati	Hubbard				
3 "	24 H A Smith	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	1½		
"	27 Woodward	Providence Sheldon				
2 Apr. 7	Cogan	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	1.		
"	addenda	"				
1 "	10	Phila. Thomas				
4 "	28 Woodward	N Y. B M & Co.	1½	2.		
"	"	large paper				
"	addenda	"				
1 May 1	A S Robinson	" N Y. B M & Co.				
1 "	12	"				
3 June 9	Hon. H A Muhlenberg	"	1.	1½		
"	"	addenda	"	1.	1½	
"	A J Harrison	"	1.	1½		
"	Betts	"	1.	1.		
1 "	18 J M Jewell	"	1.	1.		
"	"	"	1.	1.		
1 "	23	"	2.			
1 "	24	Boston Leonard	2.			
1 Sept. 8	"	N Y. Leeds.	1.			
3 "	15 J P Le.vitts	" B M & Co.	1½	2.		
2 "	22 Geo. F Seavey	"	1.	1½		
"	"	large paper				
1 Oct. 7	Jackson	"	1.	1.		
"	"	addenda	"			
1 Oct. 9	Phila. Thomas & Son					
5 "	20 Woodward	N Y. B M & Co.	2.			
"	"	large paper				
2 "	Colburn Col	"				
"	"	large paper				
1 "	"	addenda	1.			
1 "	31	" Leeds				
1 Nov. 3	Mary Ann Bacon	Phila. Thomas				
1 "	7	N Y. Leeds				
3 "	10	Phila. Thomas & Son				
1 "	21	N Y. Leeds	1½	2.		
1 "	24 H Cook	Boston Leonard	1½	2.		
"	25	N Y. Leeds.				
"	"	C Junzhauns Cincinnati	Hubbard			
1 Dec. 5	"	N Y. Leeds				
3 "	15 W A Lilliendahl	" B M & Co.	1½	2.		
1 "	23 Woodward	Providence Sheldon	2.			
2 "	24	N Y. Leeds	1.	1.		
1 "	"	"	1.	1.		
2 "	28	" B M & Co.	1.	1½		
"	"	large paper				
1864.						
1 an. 3	Geo. M Blake	letter bid's Salem	1½			
1 "	5	Boston Leonard	1½			
1 "	6	"	2.			
3 "	12 J W P Neff	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	1½		
4 "	13 Thos. Reilly	" A J Bleecker	1.	1½		
1 "	16	addenda	"	2.		
1 "	20	" J E Cooley	1.			
1 Feb. 24	"	Chicago W A Butters				
1 Mar. 15	Sanitary Fair	Cin. S. G Hubbard	2.			
1 "	17	Phila Thomas & Son				
1 "	30	"				
1 "	"	Woodward Prov. F J Sheldon	1.			
Apr. 4	Sanitary Fair	N Y.	1.			
"	19 H Cook	Boston Mc Gilvray	1.	1½		
May 2	John Allan	N Y B M & Co.	6.			
"	"	large paper				
"	addenda	"	2.			
"	12	Boston Leonard	1.			
5 "	17 Mc Coy	col, N Y. Cooley	3.			
"	"	large paper				
"	addenda 1	"	2.			
"	Betts	" 2	2.			
"	21 Metropolitan Fair	Cooley				
1 June 3	"	N Y. Leeds				
2 "	21 Geo. F Seavey	" B M & Co.	1.	1½		
2 "	29 Cogan	"	1.			
"	addenda	"	1.			
1 July 13	"	Boston G W Beckford	2.			
1 "	27 Geo. Williams	"	2.			
1 Sept. 21	Stevens	Boston Beckford	2.			
Oct. 5	H Cook	" Mc Gilvray	1.			
"	9	Phila Thomas & Son				
5 "	18 Woodward	N Y. Cooley	3.			
"	"	large paper				
1 Nov. 16	"	Boston Leonard	1.	1½		
1 "	addenda	"	1.	1½		
1 Dec. 14	"	Beckford	1.	1½		
1 "	supplement	"	1.	1½		
1 "	16-21 Attinelli	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	1½		
3 "	19 W C Prime	"	1.	1½		
"	addenda	"	1½			
1865.						
1 Jan. 10	E M Thomas	Wash'n. Mc Guire				
1 Mar. 6	"	Chicago Gilbert & Sampson				
5 "	13 Dr. J R Chilton	N Y. B M & Co.	1½	3.		
"	"	addenda No 1	"	1.	1½	
"	"	" 2	"	1.	1½	
6 "	20 Woodward	N Y. Cooley	3.			
"	"	large paper				
1 "	25 Gointoem Strong	N Y. Cooley	2.			
"	24	Phila. Thomas				
Apr. 18	Fowler	Brooklyn. Hegeman	1.			
3 May 29	J N T Levick	N Y. B M & Co.	1½			
"	"	large paper				
"	supplement	"	1.			
"	"	large paper				



The above illustrations represent two stamps now but little known to collectors. The one at the right is one of a series issued by the various fairs got up for the relief of wounded soldiers during the rebellion which comprise the following:

ALBANY. Bazaar P. O. eagle large size, 10c. red, 10 blue; small size, 10 red 10 blue.

BOSTON. National sailors fair, sailor 10c. green.

BROOKLYN. Sanitary fair (10 cents) eagle green.

PHILADELPHIA. Central fair, eagle 10 c. green, 20 blue, 30 black.

SPRINGFIELD. Soldiers fair, soldiers, 10c. lilac.

There are also two varieties of the Young ladies of Brooklyn 5 and 10 cents, and the Stamford soldiers fair 15 cents, also one from Indiana which are doubtful.

The Fair post offices were carried on by a parcel of girls who stuffed envelopes with poetical effusions and other nonsense, which were duly superscribed (behind the scenes) with the address of the applicant and a stamp affixed, the value representing the cost of the letter. The Brooklyn stamps were only in use about a week in Sept. 1864, and were printed in sheets of fifty. After diligent enquiry we have succeeded in obtaining 33 specimens, but the existence of the plate is very doubtful.

The illustration at the left is from a stamp we obtained in an old collection made up by a prominent lawyer of New Haven about eight years ago, which was stolen from him within a year and sold to us. The book containing his address we applied to him for information about the New Haven stamp, which is a rather indistinct impression printed in red, with the signature of the P. M. in purple ink. The collection also contained one of the Brooklyn fair stamps, a genuine Mobile, and about two hundred other old issues.

The owner was quite surprised at our letter as he had not seen the collection for several years and supposed it lay in some old chest, but upon our returning it, presented us with the stamp in question. After diligent enquiry we find that this stamp was issued by Mr. E. A. Mitchell who was postmaster of the city of New Haven from 1844 to 1850. When he took the office the rates of postage were 6, 10, 12½ and 25 cents for single letters according to distance, no prepayment being required. The rates were afterwards reduced to 10 and 5 cents, according to distance, and subsequently to 5 cents uniform for all distances, the weight not exceeding one quarter ounce and prepayment required.

At this period envelopes began to come in use, and as prepayment of postage could only be made at the office during business hours, Mr. Mitchell took the responsibility of issuing en-

velopes stamped as above with his signature on each and selling them at the cost of envelopes and postage as an accommodation; some of the post offices refused to recognize them and reported the facts to the department. As however, the stamps could only be used at the New Haven office and were sent as prepaid matter, properly entered on the New Haven post bill, there could be no loss to the government, and the department taking a liberal view of the subject, authorised their continuance. They were intended merely as an accommodation to the citizens, and in the absence of any government stamps they were much appreciated. There is no doubt that the adoption of stamps by our government was much hastened by the issue of these prepaid envelopes, and it can truly be said that they were the first stamps issued by the United States.

Mr. Mitchell is still in possession of the original plate, and has kindly furnished us with impressions printed in blue ink on thicker paper, endorsed "copy" but we hardly think another original envelope stamp can be found. If so we will pay the finder a good price for it.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Now in the collection of D. M. Collins No. 33 Clarkson st. N Y. City.

Cambridge 27th. March 1776.

My Lord

I crave your reference to my last to you of the 24 instant, since which I am honored with your lordships favor of the 20th; it gives me much pleasure to find that you are making such good preparations for the reception of the enemy, who have this day entirely quitted this harbour; a Brigade under Genl. Sullivan will set off on the morrow to your assistance, I will not be long after with the main body of the army. I observe that Brigadier Genl. Thompson has arrived, he is a gentleman of liberal sentiments who I dare say your lordship will be happy with. I have not the least doubt but you will give him every assistance in your power. I have the honor to be with great regard, my lord

Your lordships most h. st.

Geo. Washington.

Lord Stirling.

P. S. Genl. Putnam will set out to morrow or next day, if Genl. Schuyler is not with you, he will take the command of the troops.

There was a small sale of coins at Leavitts April 21st. which brought about \$ 150.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

Our city business which has heretofore been conducted at No. 28 John st. will be continued from May 1st. at No. 33 Nassau st. first floor, which we consider a more desirable locality being within a block of the Post Office which is now the business centre of the city. We intend to keep a supply of all kinds of curiosities, and make it a favorite resort for Postage stamp and Coin collectors and Antiquarians generally. Our P. O. address will be the same. Box 4614, N. Y. City,